

ELK GROVE **COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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DIG IN TO ELK GROVE GARDENING & LANDSCAPE DESIGN CLASSES

Elk Grove, CA – The Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) Department of Parks and Recreation invites you to dig in to a landscape design class and a gardening workshop series this Fall. Classes are intended for adults -- age 18 or older. Preregistration is required and space is limited.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Professional landscape designers charge hundreds of dollars! You can learn all the secrets to designing a beautiful yard in 6 weeks. Topics include plant identification, drainage systems, automatic sprinklers, decks, patios, and water features. Optional-bring the Sunset Garden Guide. Instructor: Dave TeBerg.

Location: Elk Grove High School (9800 Elk Grove-Florin Rd.)

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 9/2 – 10/7, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per person

LASAGNA GARDENING

Tired of digging in clay soil? Build your garden on top of it! Learn how to construct garden plots by layering on to of the soil, and then plant immediately! Includes ideas for free compostable materials available in your community. A \$3 supply fee is payable to the instructor. Instructor: Carol Greco

Location: Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex (9014 Bruceville Rd.)

Date/Time: Monday, September 13, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

GOT HERBS?

Plant and maintain your herb garden year round. Learn how to plan your herbal landscape, coordinating your herb selections for size, color, fragrance, and culinary use. Hints on fall pruning, harvest techniques, and spring preparation. Discussion Invited! Instructor: Marina Roney

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Date/Time: Monday, September 20, 7-9 p.m.

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ABC's of CLAY SOIL

Blessing or a curse? Learn the properties of clay, how to amend and with what. What is hardpan? Determine if you have clay soil, raised beds, to till or not to till, what to grow, best watering schedules and techniques, when to work and when not to work clay soil.

Instructor: Bill Pierce

Location: Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex (9014 Bruceville Rd.)

Date/Time: Monday, September 27, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

SEED SAVERS 101

Can you prepare your favorite plants by seed? Collecting, drying, separating, labeling, preserving, containers, heirlooms vs. hybrids, equipment, and resources will all be covered in this class. Bring your extra seeds for an exchange at the end of class. A \$3 supply fee is payable to the instructor. Instructor: Bernadette Balics

Location: Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex (9014 Bruceville Rd.)

Date/Time: Monday, October 4, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

HERBAL WREATH MAKING

Learn this very simple technique for making fresh or dried wreaths to enhance your home or gladden a best friend's heart. We will talk about the Language of Herbs and share the best materials to use. Wear old clothes, bring your favorite clippers and prepare for an old fashioned evening. A \$12 supply fee is payable to the instructor. Instructor Kathleen Frawley

Location: Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex (9014 Bruceville Rd.)

Date/Time: Monday, October 18, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

COMPOSTING: GARDENERS GOLD

Why pay for compost? Your home and garden hosts excellent sources of materials especially in fall. Learn about the good, the bad, and the rotten for a cookin' compost pile open-ended style. Easy steps to enriching your garden while protecting your back. Local sources for free materials, and lively discussion. Instructor: Chuck Phillips

Location: Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex (9014 Bruceville Rd.)

Date/Time: Monday, October 25, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

Registration for these or other leisure classes can be secured via e-Reg, the District's new online registration system at www.egcsd.ca.gov or by phone, fax, or walk-in. Contact the CSD Department of Parks and Recreation at (916) 405-5300 for more information.

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